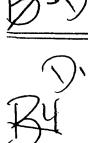
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- (b) a second polynucleotide sequence homologous to the stefin homolog gene; and
- (c) a selectable marker.
- 3. (Amended) A method of producing a targeting construct capable of homologous recombination with SEQ ID NO: 1, the method comprising:
  - (a) providing a first polynucleotide sequence homologous to a stefin homolog gene;
  - (b) providing a second polynucleotide sequence homologous to the stefin homolog gene;
  - (c) providing a selectable marker; and
  - (d) inserting the first sequence, second sequence, and selectable marker into a vector, to produce the targeting construct.
- 4. (Amended) A method of producing a targeting construct capable of homologous recombination with SEQ D NO: 1, the method comprising:
  - (a) providing a polynucleotide comprising a first sequence homologous to a first region of a stefin homolog gene and a second sequence homologous to a second region of a stefin homolog gene; and
  - (b) inserting a positive selection marker between the first and second sequences to form the targeting construct.
- 5. (Amended) A cell comprising a genome comprising a target gene sequence disrupted by homologous recombination of the target gene sequence with a sequence homologous to a region of SEQ ID NO: 1.
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- 8. (Amended) A transgenic mouse comprising a genome comprising a target gene sequence disrupted by homologous recombination of the target gene sequence with a sequence homologous to a region of SEQ ID NO: 1.
- 10. (Amended) A method of producing a transgenic mouse comprising a genome comprising a target gene sequence disrupted by homologous recombination of the target gene sequence with a sequence homologous to a region of SEQ ID NO: 1, the method comprising:
  - (a) introducing the targeting construct of claim 1 into a cell;



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- (b) introducing the cell into a blasto yst;
- (c) implanting the resulting blastocyst into a pseudopregnant mouse, wherein said pseudopregnant mouse gives birth to a chimeric mouse; and
- (d) breeding the chimeric mouse to produce the transgenic mouse.
- 11. (Amended) A method of identifying an agent that modulates the expression of a stefin homolog, the method comprising:
  - (a) providing the [a non-human] transgenic [animal] mouse of claim 8 [comprising a disruption in a stefin homolog gene];
  - (b) administering an agent to the non-human transgenic animal; and
  - (c) determining whether the expression of stefin homolog in the mouse [non-human transgenic animal] is modulated.

Claim 12 has been canceled.

- 13. (Amended) A method of identifying an agent that modulates the expression of stefin homolog, the method comprising:
  - (a) providing the cell of claim 5;
  - (b) contacting the cell with an agent; and
  - (c) determining whether expression of the stefin homolog is modulated.

Claim 14 has been canceled.

Claim 15 has been canceled.

Claim 17 has been canceled.

- 18. (Amended) The transgenic mouse of claim 8, wherein the transgenic mouse exhibits increased activity, relative to a wild-type mouse.
- 21. (Amended) The transgenic mouse of claim 8, wherein the transgenic mouse exhibits decreased propensity for despair or depression, relative to a wild-type mouse.
- 23. (Amended) The transgenic mouse of claim 8, wherein the transgenic mouse exhibits a stimulus-processing deficit relative to a wild-type mouse.
- 25. (Amended) The transgenic mouse of claim 8, wherein the transgenic mouse exhibits schizophrenic behavior.
- 26. (Amended) The transgenic mouse of claim 8, wherein the transgenic mouse